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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Air Force Collection in Europe

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1. A conference was held at the Library of Congress, 4 November 1953, to discuss ATIC plans for placing a full time publications procurement officer in Europe. Present at this meeting were Mr. Roger Keeney, Collection Planning Office, ATIC; Major Howard Neumann, AFOIN, Coordinator of Treasure Island Project; Mr. George Pughe and Mr. Michael Kwapiszewski, Air Information Division; and [REDACTED]

2. Mr. Keeney reported that on his recent TDY trip to Europe, he saw all the Air Technical Intelligence Liaison Officers (ATLOs) and concluded that a full time procurement officer and coordinator in Europe was essential to guide the attaches and ATLOs, and to insure that good scientific and technical publication coverage was obtained. He is preparing a paper for submission to the Director of Intelligence, USAF, proposing that such a procurement officer be established with headquarters at USAFE, [REDACTED] and that this officer should handle all Air Force publications requirements for [REDACTED]. It is intended that he would collect all foreign language materials including Slavic and German which pertain to scientific and technical subjects. It is proposed also that a representative from the Library of Congress accompany him on a TDY basis during his first three months on the job in Europe. The man would collect for Targets and Estimates, as well as for ATIC. The publications collected would be shipped to AFOIN, then to Air Information Division, for normal processing and retention by the Treasure Island Project. Mr. Keeney has talked to Colonel Berry and Lieutenant Colonel Kauffmann of the Collection Control Branch, AFOIN, and is now ready to present his proposal to the Director of Intelligence, USAF, for approval.

3. It was pointed out that if such a procurement officer is established, he would be in a position to serve other IAC agencies and should work closely with personnel already in Europe to avoid duplication of effort. He has talked to personnel in OSI on this subject. During the discussions it was pointed out that ATIC is always in need of more and more competent technical personnel in the collection business in the field, and they are planning to assign an additional ATLO to Moscow shortly.

4. I will be kept informed of the progress of this proposal, and will attempt to coordinate the activities with the procurement program in general.

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